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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

If entered, this listing of claims would replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Proposed Amendment) A controller in a banding packing machine, comprising:
a cam shaft which is rotated upon receipt of force from a driving source;
a plurality of cams provided on the cam shaft;
a timing plate provided on the cam shaft, the timing plate having a plurality of holes formed thereon which correspond to a predetermined position such that a plurality of rotation positions of the cam shaft can be detected, wherein each process in the banding packing machine corresponds to at least one of the holes;
a detecting means for detecting that each of the plurality of holes formed on the timing plate has reached the predetermined position; and
an inching mode capable of stopping the rotation of the cam shaft when the detecting means detects each of the plurality of holes every hole formed on the timing plate, and permits the manual adjustment of a timing shaft of each of one or more presser members and a support block.

2. (Proposed Amendment) The controller in a banding packing machine according to claim 1, wherein the inching mode is switchable with an operation mode, said operation mode causing the detecting means to detect the plurality of holes formed on the timing plate, thereby driving the cam shaft in a normal cycle, without stopping the rotation of the cam shaft.